## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29 200 provides, for the continued examination of a utility or plant application fless on or after June 3, 1995. SEP 2-9 1005

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53 (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar 20, 2000) 1233 Off. Gazette Pat Office (April 11, 2000) which established RCE practice.

1.	Sub	miss	sion Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114	
a.	Ø	Previously submitted		
	i.	⊠	Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on September 6, 2005 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)	
	ii.		Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on	
	iii.		Other	
b.	×	En	closed	
	i.		Amendment/Reply 09/30/2005 SZEWDIE1 00000027 10804061	
	ii.		Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) 01 FC:1801 790.00 0P	
	iii.		Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)	
	iv.	×	Other Petition for Extension of Time	
2.	Miscellaneous			
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b.	months (period shall not exceed three months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)  D. □ Other			
The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.				
a.	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, and additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.			
	i.			
	ii.   □ Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)			
	iii.	□ Otl	her	
b.	⊠ (	Check	in the amount of \$910.00 is enclosed.	

## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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